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Catching some air



Pro BMX rider Will Fisher in a demonstration at last Saturday's grand opening of the Fort Erie Skatepark, a project that many local residents have anticipated for almost eight years. Hundreds of parents, extreme sport enthusiasts and members of the community attended the event.

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Ready to roll

Kris Dubé
The Times

The grand opening of the Fort Erie Skatepark was nothing short of 'tubular' last Saturday, as hundreds of extreme sport enthusiasts gathered at the site to officially celebrate its long-awaited opening.

It's been a long haul for proponents of the facility, and Mischelle Boutin is one of them who is very pleased to see it come to fruition.

About seven years ago, Boutin got the wheels rolling by approaching council, suggesting the idea of a skatepark in Fort Erie.

Concern over the safety of her son Justin and his friends who were practicing the sport in abandoned buildings around town, is what inspired her to get the idea of a skatepark in the minds of the community.

On Saturday, she was thrilled to see the turnout and the amount of youth who now have a comfortable and legal place to practice their ollies and kick-flips.

"I'm very excited the kids now have a place to do their sport and be safe," said Boutin.

"They're great kids and they just need a place to do their thing," she added.

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The set list for the 2011 Friendship Festival has been solidified.

On Friday July 1, the concert series will be headlined by Canadian blues-rock

band Big Sugar, with opening acts KO and Street Pharmacy.

On Sat July 2, Ian Thornley and his band Big Wreck will hit the stage, following Wide

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Check back next week for a more detailed story about all this year's Friendship Festival has to offer.

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Cameron Tassone, cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the skatepark last Saturday.

Community effort 'across the board'

From Page 1

Several dignitaries including mayor Doug Martin, Niagara Falls member of provincial parliament Kim Craitor, member of parliament for Niagara-West Glanbrook Dean Allison and others joined those who have been involved with the process of bringing the park to life in speeches for everyone in attendance.

"This is truly a day to celebrate the youth of our community and especially those who played an important role in the design and development

of this park," said mayor Martin.

"Without the effort of a few dedicated volunteers and the support of this community, this dream would never have become such a successful reality," he added.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero, who has been the chair of the skatepark committee, long before it was elected into office last October, also said without the contributions and dedication of volunteers and Greater Fort Erie as a whole, it wouldn't have been possible.

"It was definitely a team

effort across the board from the community," said Passero.

Cameron Tassone, who is now 20-years-old, was given the responsibility of cutting the ribbon at Saturday's event. The avid skateboarder, who has been involved in the process since he was only 12-years-old, says he has already gotten plenty of use out of the park since it was ready a month ago.

"It's fantastic, I'm here all the time," he said.

Considering Tassone is a little bit older than what the average age is of those who use the skatepark, he and his friends have no problem making sure everyone is skating safe and having a fun time behind them.

"We don't like garbage here... and if we see some of the kids fall, we do what we can to help them out," said Tassone.

The overall price tag of the park is about \$650,000, paid for with \$200,000 matching grants from the provincial and federal governments. The remainder of the cost was paid for by fundraising and budget allocations over the last three years from the Town of Fort Erie.

Pro BMX rider Mike "Smiley" Wilkinson and some fellow athletes also put on a display at the event.

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Hospital plan being put under microscope

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

An independent third-party review of the Niagara Health System (NHS)'s Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP) will be conducted.

Deb Matthews, Ontario health minister, asked the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHN), who responsible for planning and funding health care for the region, for the review. The LHN approved moving ahead with the process at a board meeting on Tuesday.

In April, a delegation of Niagara politicians met with Garry Burroughs, regional chair for the municipality of Niagara, and Matthews to discuss a review of how the NHS HIP has been implemented.

Matthews says the government is committed to ensuring people of Niagara have the highest quality of health care.

Since 2003, Matthews says the government has provided increased funding to the NHS by more than 50 per cent. It has been committed to building a new hospital in St. Catharines and has provided support to help the NHS drive down emergency department wait times and has increased access to care in the community.

During the meeting, Matthews says the merits of having a third party complete an evaluation, the importance of a patient's experience, the implementation to date of the HIP and the quality of work life for staff were discussed.

Matthews hopes an independent review will provide valuable information on the implementation of the HIP up to date.

"I continue to have confidence in the quality of health care that NHS delivers to the people of Niagara. However, I think it is important that the people of Niagara share that confidence as well."

Matthews recommended the HNHB LHN to establish a committee of LHN board members, NHS board members and members of regional council to establish the terms for a review of the HIP.

She also recommended a subcommittee of community partners and health professionals who represent Emergency Medical Services, the local Community Care Access Centre, the long-term sector and public health who will be consulted and asked to endorse the terms of the review before it is approved by the LHN board.

Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor was among the politicians who attended the meeting in April, which he also arranged. He believes a review would be beneficial for the HIP.

"This is a chance for a truly community review of the HIP; we're excited we're going to the public."

He says when the NHS was

Evaluation and monitoring are important to everything we do.

— Sue Matthews
NHS interim president
and CEO

originally formed; there was no public input when it was created. This review will be taking a different approach. "This is something different, the review will be open and it will consult with the public."

Craitor says there is nothing in the near future in which the Hospital HIP is planning to implement so there is reasonable time to do a full review and ensure people have the best health care.

He says he has made a promise to the region to push for better health care.

"I'm very happy to finally have it in motion," said Craitor.

Sue Matthews, the NHS's interim president and chief

executive officer says the review is welcomed with a fresh perspective, to evaluate changes that have occurred under the HIP.

Evaluation and monitoring are important to everything we do. I'm very confident we have moved in the right direction but also acknowledge we can always

learn new ways to improve," she said.

Matthews also stated the NHS supports the creation of a steering committee and looks forward to receiving further details about it, along with other steps in this process.

"Every hospital in Ontario is struggling with meeting

the increasing demands of healthcare within the current fiscal environment. We are no different," said Matthews.

"Our goal is to deliver quality care to the people of Niagara with the resources available to us and we continually seek to improve the way we do that."

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It takes place next Saturday, June 11.

Individual registration for the 5K is \$25 or free with \$50 in pledges. The 5K gets underway at 10 a.m. Starting and ending at the Kinsmen Pool on Gilmore Road, the route takes the participants along the Niagara Parkway and through the Historic Bridgeview Station neighbourhood. It loops around at Service Road 1 and continues along Central

Avenue back to Gilmore. The spectacle of seeing all the runners come over the top of the Central Avenue bridge will be 'awesome,' organizers are saying, with the finish line in site.

Roads along the course route will be temporarily closed for the safety of the participants; the committee encourages all residents to cheer on the runners as they pass by.

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Team Kelsey



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Last Saturday, Doug Willcock, second from left, who runs a fitness bootcamp, helped Stevensville girl Kelsey Hill raise money for 'Team Kelsey,' an effort she has taken on to help McMaster Children's Hospital, where she has been visiting to treat a brain tumour since last year. Joining Kelsey, who is seated in the van, were Willcock's wife Andria, Kelsey's sister Corrie Hill, friend Demi Quinn, cousin Louis Harris, cousin Amber Harris, mother LaNia Hill and aunt Tammy Harris. The event raised \$800 for the courageous girl's cause.

Casting call from Gypsy Theatre

Gypsy Theatre is looking to put together a cast for 'A Black Light Wonder' a show that will take place during Ridgefest on July 9 and 10 at the Sanctuary for the Arts in Ridgeway.

Auditions will be held Monday June 6 at the Sanctuary at 6 p.m.

If chosen to be a part of the production, a \$115 registration fee will be required.

There are ten rehearsals in total, taking place on Mondays and Tuesdays leading up to the show times.

This production demands that the performers work as a team. The performers are taught movements and puppetry so no experience is necessary to audition.

To prepare for the audition, it is requested that you

wear clothes that you can move in. Long hair should be pulled back and no jewelry.

Have you HEARD?
By Alina Miller, M.D.Sc
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our editorial

Operational review about more than cutting jobs

Sometimes pushing the envelope in an editorial can be a good thing, mostly because it gets people paying attention to the issues and creates interest in your publication.

But last week, we may have slightly crossed a line.

The topic of the opinion piece was the upcoming operational review at Town Hall and the Times' editorial staff suggested that it was inappropriate to undertake it, if the elimination of jobs was the end result.

We did mention last week the overall idea of a review is not something to be concerned with. Municipalities everywhere have them conducted every once in a while. It's normal and will cost far less than what was originally projected. There's nothing wrong with that.

It will identify efficiencies and areas in need of improvement within the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie.

Where we did go out of line, was in the notion that former members of council are 'pulling the strings' with current members and that personal differences could be getting in the way.

There is no way of proving this. It's a possibility... but we shouldn't have made those accusations without any solid evidence to back it up.

We feel there is plenty of potential throughout this council and will continue to make an effort in being fair and respectful in our criticism, but admittedly last week was a bit harsh, especially basing comments on speculation and hearsay.

-Kris Dubé

Skatepark should be treated like the local jewel it is



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

The grand opening of the skatepark is an event that will stand out in my reporting career.

On Saturday, hundreds of parents, teenagers, younger children and dignitaries gathered at the

site to officially open it to the public.

Long before I ever started at the Times, I recall this being a project

many people in the community were fighting for. Like any development or change, you will always run into people who do not support it and this caused a handful of sites to be considered... one of the reasons it took this long to arrive at where we are today with the facility.

So many people have worked diligently to make

this a reality and that was the theme of most of the comments made last Saturday.

Congratulations to everyone who played some sort of role.

I say this not only as the editor of Fort Erie's newspaper, but as a life-long resident and someone who used to be an avid skateboarder.

I admit, I gave it up when I realized I was better at hockey and baseball than I was on a skateboard, but I've always had

a keen understanding about the culture and how important it is for youth in the community to have a place like this.

One message that will constantly be emphasized to park users is skating safely... and that's an easy one. Wear your helmets, knee pads and other protective gear, especially if you are a beginner.

Another topic is graffiti.

What makes this park unique is that it sits directly in front of Town

Hall... therefore, it is part of our town's identity. This needs to be respected, even though 'tagging' and the street-level form of skating is part of skateboarding. Some people might not understand this but it's true. I swear on everything I care about.

Perhaps an idea for the future would be a mural co-ordinated between the Town of Fort Erie and someone like the Fort Erie Arts Council. We'll cross that ramp when we get to it though.

But for everyone that uses the skatepark, leave the spray cans at home for now.

You are privileged to have this park, so don't abuse it.

The Town does not want graffiti there and that's who made this site a reality, so respect the requests directed at you.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.



Do You Remember?

We had many people contact us by phone and e-mail about last week's photo of the Fort Erie Power Squadron Bridge for 1981. Back row from left to right are: Tom Burnett executive officer, Elgin Sister, past commander, and Vince Dunn, squadron secretary.

Our thanks to Jeff Eggleton, Sharon Inley, John Walton (past commander), Marg Russel, Vince Dunn, Roger Green and Chris Cameron

(granddaughter of Tom Burnett). This photo shows the newly elected Squadron Bridge for 1981.

Back row from left to right are: Tom Burnett executive officer, Elgin Sister, past commander, and Vince Dunn, squadron secretary.

In the front row from left to right are Peter Roos, squadron command-

er and John Walton, squadron training officer.

This week's photo was taken in 1963 at a Red and White consumer's party. Can anyone identify the people or tell us anything about these consumer parties?

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opinion page

Fort Erie will become a 'ghost town' if something doesn't change

Dear Editor,

The money being spent on the restoration of the Point Abino Lighthouse is absolutely insane.

Does Town council have any idea about problems that are far more important than need to be rectified? I would like to live here if this council would even consider raising taxes in order to pay for this.

I am on disability, and my income did not go up anywhere near as much as our property taxes have for 2011.

After being away for 30 years to work in Alberta, I was shocked to see the changes in Fort Erie.

There is very little here to attract companies to do business here.

Jarvis Street is a mere shadow of the hustle and bustle that I recall it being.

We have been here for two years now, and have seen many businesses and shops pull up roots and move from here to Niagara or St. Catharines.

This town will soon be a ghost town if something doesn't change.

If this is the responsibility of our council to get active and try and promote Fort Erie as a place to do business, I would hazard a guess and say that the tax level being so high that it is actually chasing companies away from Fort Erie. Case in point, is this ludicrous increase in taxes to rebuild a lighthouse?

Give me a break. They are the absolutely ridiculous to spend such a huge amount of money on something that 90 per cent of the people that live here will never see.

Why not spend the money on more Police Officers to protect us from the reckless drivers on the roads? Why not clean up our pristine beaches that smell like sewage and dead fish?

I guess they have just started the beginning of a four year term and I am sure they hope we will forget about all these projects that are eating our lunch (taxes).

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Jack Babcock
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"They give us oxygen and provide homes."

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Councillor responds to statements made last week

► Operational review about identifying areas that need improvement

Dear Editor,

I received the Fort Erie Times on the weekend and read your editorial. Frankly, I was surprised by what you had written.

Over the course of the

weekend a number of residents commented to me about your recent editorial on the operational review.

They were taken aback by it, and frankly so was I. As a journalist, I am astounded and disappointed, that you would report such inaccuracies.

I have always maintained that the operational review is an "investment into the future of Fort Erie".

— John Hill

I have always maintained that the operational review is an investment into the future of Fort Erie."

It will, if conducted with integrity, offer an opportunity to identify the areas that work well within the Town of Fort Erie, and those the can be improved upon. The goal is to make the best use of efficiencies in all areas, so that taxpayer dollars can be maximized.

It is not council's objective, nor the objective of the review "to tell people employed for years at the Town, that their service is no longer

needed" and that the main objective is to "eliminate jobs from people who know how the Town operates."

This kind of rhetoric further supports and fosters "those" that have explicitly indicated animosity towards the current council.

I don't understand why you felt it was necessary to report such ill informed statements. This last editorial particularly, indicates you are

not reporting with an unbiased pen.

There is a saying, "the pen is mightier than the sword."

Take heed in these words, as for many residents, their only source of information comes from what they read in the paper, as accurate or inaccurate as it may be.

John Hill
Ward 4 Coun.

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(2) TOWN OF FORT ERIE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS STUDY NOTICE OF STUDY INITIATION

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a study to evaluate Fort Erie's mobility needs relevant to 2011 and beyond. Since 2002, recommendations from the previous Public Transportation Requirements Study have been implemented either in whole or in part relevant to service need and levels of funding provided by Council and the Province. The transit services in Fort Erie have been substantially improved since the 2002 study was completed with service frequency and routing improvements, more comfortable and reliable buses, high quality information for the public, an improved municipal specialized service for seniors and persons with disabilities and a seasonal inter-municipal service connection to Niagara Falls. With these improvements there has been considerable growth in transit ridership and the service has assumed a greater role in the community.

Council identified the enhancement of the sustainability of public transportation as a priority in their 2011 – 2014 Strategic Plan. The intent of the study is to develop a pragmatic plan that will assist the Town in identifying how public transportation improvements should be prioritized and further enhanced. The objectives of this important study are to:

- identify Fort Erie's public-supported transit needs;
- determine the most effective means of meeting the transit needs of Fort Erie in a cost effective, sustainable manner;
- determine the needs with respect to inter-community mobility;
- determine the transit needs of the residents (particularly seniors and the mobility challenged) related to healthcare access;
- identify and evaluate transit needs for both winter and summer community programs & special events;
- identify and evaluate transit needs with respect to Council approved Neighbourhood Plans and proposed development;
- identify and evaluate alternative mobility systems or transit models; and
- evaluate any and/or all improvements based on public consultation.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is intended to be held in August, 2011. The intent of the PIC is to present the preliminary findings of the study and to solicit public comment. A timeline of the exact date of the PIC will be announced the first of July when the date will be confirmed. It will be advertised, and also posted on the Town Website. There will also be neighborhood group meetings to enable service providers and transit users to provide important input throughout the development of the study.

If you have any comments or require further information regarding the study, please contact either of the Project Team members listed below.

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'Scher Inspiration' pays tribute to local doctor

Kris Dubé
The Times

very tough situation for families a little more comfortable and less stressful.

"He's always available for families and he's so kind to everyone," she said.

The team has raised more than \$6,000 and the entire event has brought in around \$620,000 for cancer research.

This is the first year for 'Scher Inspiration' but Pam Mackie, executive administrative assistant at DMH, says they are just getting started.

"It certainly won't be the last time we do this," said Mackie.

She feels it was important to represent Douglas Memorial Hospital at the event, to remind people that the urgent care center is open for business and there are a plenty of medical services available there, despite what some people might say.

"There are a lot of positive things happening here... people still think we're closed," she said.

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Students showcasing artistic ability

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Local art students are bringing a splash of culture and a taste of art to the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway.

The recently established local art headquarters will host an open house reception today between 2 to 4 p.m., showing a special exhibit of art work from high school students from Fort Erie Secondary School (FESS), Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School, Lakeshore Catholic High School and the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

The reception is open to the students' friends, family and anyone who is interested. Refreshments will be offered at the opening.

There are 42 students contributing over 60 pieces of art work ranging from photos, paintings, sculptures, print making and wood burning that are sure to inspire.

Jack Ashwood, who volunteers for the community based art group says the purpose of the event is to showcase the art in the gallery as well as to give an opportunity for art students who wouldn't normally have the chance to share their work to do so.

Ashwood says the exhibit came about by the gallery approaching art teachers at the local high schools and asking if any of the students were interested in showcasing their work.

"I'm very impressed with the quality of work and the variety of artwork. There are lots of talented students in the area. It's very exciting."

"It's an amazing opportunity for students to share their art," says Kim Duggan, who teaches art at FESS. A lot of people may not realize what a lot of the students in the community are doing and just how talented they are.

The art teacher says this sort of exhibit gives other people in the com-

munity a chance to see what the students are creating.

For Wabi LaForme, this chance to show her work off to the community is exciting. LaForme says when she is working on one of her pieces of art, for her it's the best form of self expression.

"When you make a piece of art, it comes from you and it's just a nice chance to get to show people it."



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Students Haley Brynnik, Dara Sawyer, Hayley Arts, Jessica Farnsworth and Wabi LaForme with some of their art work at the Sanctuary for the Arts on Ridge Road. They will be part of an art show today. To learn more about the new home of the Fort Erie Arts Council, call (905) 894 8373.



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Golfer driving his way onto local Sports Wall of Fame

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

On a warm summer's day, when the air is just right, Tony Evershed can be seen with golf clubs in hand head-

ed for the links.

He will be inducted into the 2011 Niagara Falls Sports Wall of Fame for his accomplishments as a Canadian professional golfer.

Evershed grew up as the

typical Canadian kid who wanted to be a hockey player. Golf was something he took up in the summer, becoming one of his passions.

Residing in Chippawa, Evershed works two jobs in the golf industry. He is a golf course realtor and he provides services to golf and country clubs that need improvements.

Evershed has left an impact on golf in Fort Erie, working and raising his family in the town. He became the head pro at the club at Cherry Hill Club in 1971, eventually becoming the head pro at Cherry Hill.

During Evershed's time at

Cherry Hill, the golfer won a few Niagara District Open championships, having won tournaments in Scotland and had the honour of playing on the PGA Tour with other professional golfers.

He was awarded Master Professional Status by the Canadian Professional Golfers Association a thesis which has become his own teaching manual.

Evershed says in order to be considered for Master Professional Status, he had to meet difficult requirements. These requirements include having 20 years of golfing experience, serving both the Ontario PGA and Canadian PGA Board of

Directors, while maintaining a substantial record as a golfer.

The manual is filled with pictures and tips to better progress as someone in the sport.

Now in his sixties, Evershed is still in love with the sport as much as the day he started. It's something he can share with his family, with two of his children who play professionally in the States. "Golf does run in the family. It's really nice to see my children play. We've travelled California to see them play."

"Golf is something I love. My goal was always to get to the highest level. I play with

professionals; I've been all over the world. It has been amazing."

What Evershed looks forward to most is the day of the sports wall of fame because he will spend the afternoon playing a round of golf at Cherry Hill and finish off the evening seeing other athletes awarded for their achievements.

"It's nice to see a tribute to Fort Erie golfers and it's good to see the golfers who I have mentored over the years."

Anybody interested in purchasing tickets to the induction dinner and ceremony, hosted by the Fort Erie Kinsmen, can call Linda at (905) 871-8705.

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All claims against the estate of Dore Catherine Antoinette Miller, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on the 5th day of April, 2011, must be filed with the undermentioned administrator or before June 27, 2011; failing which, the administrator will be entitled to retain the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated this 30th day of May, 2011.

George Edward Abbott and Linda Ellen Phillips, Estate Trustees

Under the Will of Richard S. Ballantyne
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IN THE ESTATE OF
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Brady Paul Mueller, born on June 4, 2011 at 202pm,
weighing 8 lbs., 19.5 inches.

Eccstatic grandparents for the third time are Norm & Irma Overmeyer. Fifteenth great-grandchild for Eileen (late Patrick) Brady. Fourteenth grandchild for Tom & Linda (late Paula) Overmeyer. Sixth grandchild for Ed and Joann Mueller. Brady's life will forever be blessed by the constant watch of his Guardian Angels, Patrick Brady (Brady's namesake), Paula Overmeyer, Lucy and Lou Mueller. We are so happy with the birth of our nephews, We're in love with our new grandsons, Kianthri and Kennedy, thank you both for being such great helpers. To my husband Ed, thank you so much for blessing

me with our three beautiful children, I couldn't ask for a more wonderful anniversary gift, our handsome little man, Brady. inc

Graduations
**Dr. Brandon Mariott O.D.**

Brandon has successfully graduated from Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Brandon will be returning home and joining the local practice of Dr. Francis Dueé in Fort Erie.

**Family and friends are welcome to join us in the celebrations at an Open House to be held on Saturday June 11 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, 220 Ridgeway, 228 South Mill St. in Ridgeway, ON
Best Wishes to all.**

With much love and admiration for his hard work and dedication, we also wish him continued success and happiness. We love you, and are so proud of you!

Dad, Mom, Shane


Forthcoming Marriages

Stag & Doe

Chris Williams & Lori Fitzpatrick
Friday, June 10, 2011, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m.
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In loving memory of

Cal Sherk

June 5, 2006

What would it take to close his hand,
His happy face to see,
To hear his voice and see his smile,
That memory still stays to me.

Loving wife Lois.

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LUKE WILLICK

In loving memory of a dear son-in-law,
brother-in-law and uncle, who passed away June 5, 2009.

Loving and kind in all his ways,
Urgent and just to the end of his days,
Sincere and kind in heart and mind.
What a beautiful soul he left behind
Eileen, Maura & Dave, Jo & Shirley,
Irene & Norm, Carol & Geoff,
Christine & John and their families.

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Luke Willick

In loving memory of our Dad who passed away June 10, 2009

A million times I've needed you,
A million times I've cried,
If love had no saying I'd say Dad,
You never would have died.

If I could have one lifetime wish,
One dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart,
For yesterday and you.

Your loving sons Ryan and Andrew

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Willie

In loving memory of my husband Luke, who passed away June 5, 2009.

The moment that you died,
My heart split in two,
One side filled with marmosis,
The other died with you.

Others died with you,
Others died without you.
When the world is fast asleep,
And take a walk down memory lane,
With tears upon my cheeks.

Remember me when you say,
I do every day,
But missing you is a headache,
That never goes away.

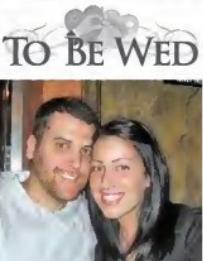
In my heart you will remain forever.
Your loving wife Frances

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CASELLA, Giovanni - At Maple Park Lodge, Fort Erie, Monday, May 23rd, 2011. Beloved husband of Anna (nee Casella) for 55 years to Theodore (Rampino) Casella of Fort Erie. Loved Father of Potto (Mene) Casella, Carmelina (Casella) Tony Vito (Sandra) Casella, Vince Casella, Marino (Michelle) Casella and Marlene (Tom) Pumilli. Grandfather of Don Casella and Frank Casella, Maria (Edwin Aboulain), Angelo and Joanne Munes, Jordan and Brandon Casella, Alessandro Casella, Michael and Mark Furman. Dear Brother of Antonio (Giovanni) Casella, Italy. Son-In-Law of Maria Balandi and Foglia, Italy. The family received their friends at The HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 21 Winterset Street, Fort Erie on Thursday May 26th, with Funeral Services followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. John's Church, Fort Erie. The Rite of Committal with Embalming was held at Pleasantview Memorial Gardens, Mausoleum, Thorold. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer Society. Online condolences at www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

MAIR, Robert (Bob-Bert) - 1937-2011. Peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital on Tuesday May 24, 2011. Robert, loving husband of Irene, departed father of Brian, Leah & Andrew, cherished grandfather of Caitlin and Liam, godfather to Christine Sinnott and Drew West. Also mourned is his sister Jean, ringleader, brien Halligan, both of Islandmaghane, N.Ireland. At Bert's request there will be a place of remembrance and a memorial of life will be held at a later date. Thanks to Dr. Derek Rivers for special thanks to Dr. Scher & staff at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Palliative Care Unit and his Thursday grief at Port Colborne Hospital. So much appreciated by Douglas Memorial Hospital Palliative Care or a children's charity of your choice. Thank you family, friends, neighbours for their support during this difficult time. Arrangements entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES (905) 894-0120

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HONORABLE MENTION

Deaths

PENLINGTON, John Ernest (Ernie) - Passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 20th, 2011 at the age of 91. He was born in Ontario at the age of 91. He was born in Bootle, England on November 25, 1919. His family settled in Canada when he was 6. Ernie was a World War II Veteran and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. On June 21, 1941 he married Ruth Buck (2009). They settled in Fort Erie where he worked for the Canada Customs until retirement. He was a lifelong member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71. Ernie served as president, instructed Air Cadets and marched in countless parades in the Colour Guard. He is survived by his son-in-law (Carolee) Penlington and daughter-in-law, Bernice (Ronald) Penlington and granddaughter by his daughter Diane Penlington and son Donald Penlington. Grandfather of Tricia, Andrew and Ronald Penlington, Kynthia Flynn and Karen O'Keefes. Great Grandfather of Tara O'Keefes, Michael and Jennifer Flynn. Great Uncle to many. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Maple Park Lodge for all the years of excellent care that Dad received. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71, Fort Erie will conduct a Memorial Service for their beloved son on Saturday June 25th, 2011 at THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 722 Ridge Road N, Ridgeway. You are invited to share condolences or fond memories of Ernie at www.williamsfuneralhome.com

Deaths

WHITE, Elsie E. - On Tuesday May 31st, 2011 Elsie peacefully passed away at Maple Park Lodge. She was preceded in death by her brothers Leslie and Ernest, Dear and Loving friend of Karen Atwell, and Joanna and Keith Bailey. Elsie was born September 6th, 1926 in Princeton, Ontario and Shook the world in 1990 and resided most of her life in Fort Erie. She worked as a Nurses Aid at the Douglas Memorial Hospital. Elsie was a long-time Board member of the S.P.C.A. and was an avid fundraiser for the Society. She was a member of the "Friends of the Animals" annual service at St. Paul's Anglican Church. She was also an accomplished classical pianist. She will be sadly missed by friends, both human and animal. Services for Elsie will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 32 Ridgeway St., Fort Erie on Monday morning from 10:00 to 11 o'clock. Interment to follow at Greenbank Cemetery. In memory of Elsie, donations may be made to the Fort Erie S.P.C.A. or the Canadian Wildlife Federation. Arrangements entrusted to THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 722 Ridge Road N, Ridgeway. You are invited to share condolences or fond memories of Elsie at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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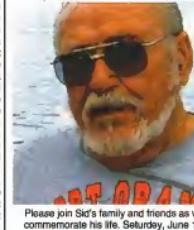
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Doctor thankful for team paying tribute to his hard work

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"We want people to use our urgent care, our great nurses and our doctors," added Mackie.

Dr. Scher, a very humble individual, said he is surprised the team was formed to thank him.

"I'm rather astounded by it all," said Scher.



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Pam Mackie, left, Dr. Kim Scher and charge nurse at Douglas Memorial Joanne Jackson.

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palliative care unit.

Cancer is becoming more and more present throughout the continent and events like this will raise awareness about this unfortunate fact.

"Although we're making huge advances in cancer care, there's still many people who will not be cured," said Scher, who is proud to be able to help patients and families

during such a rough time in life.

"Cancer will soon be the leading cause of death in North America, over-riding everything else."

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Notice

Fifth Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2011

6:30pm Registration 7:00pm Meeting

Clarion Hotel

Gateway Ballroom

1485 Garrison Road, Fort Erie



Ontario's Community Health Centres

Bricks & Bouquets

If you have a brick or bouquet send it to editorial@forterie.com or phone 905-871-3100, ext. 210 and leave a message

Bouquet

To everyone who made a donation to either the Salvation Army or Community Outreach Program Erie on Tuesday, for Hunger Awareness Day. Both food banks are constantly in need of donations and will gratefully accept donations every day of the year. To read the whole story on the event, you can visit www.forterie-times.com.

Brikk

To people who move to the woods, because of the woods... then cut trees down. Think about the irony.

Brikk

To people who let their dogs do their business on other people's yards. Have some consideration. If it does happen the odd time, at least clean it up and tell us it won't happen again.

Bouquet

To everyone who responded to the Times' request last week for letters to the editor, and also responded to an editorial on page 6.

Bouquet

To everyone who attended the grand opening of the Fort Erie Skatepark. It really was a great community event.



A TREE-HUGGER'S COLLECTION OF CAROLINIAN AND NATIVE TREES

Walking along the trails of Sandy and Kim McRae's bush at 1995 Dominion Road, Fort Erie, is comparable to turning the pages of a book on Carolinian and Native Trees of Ontario. Describing himself as a self-taught "Nature Nut," this well-known cabinet maker's interest in trees began with a book given to him by his grandmother who led him through a bush of her own.

The wide variety of Carolinian and Native trees along the north shore of Lake Erie provides an area like no other. Sandy describes many trees as we walk along such as a Pin Oak he found in a ditch along Nigh Road. A member of the Red Oak family, it has a good tap root, is shade intolerant or sun loving but loves having its feet wet. The Bassaris, a member of the Laurel family, is recognized by its four distinctly different leaves of four mittens all found on the same tree – one the left mitten, one the right mitten, one a three-fingered mitten and one an oval leaf. The Ironwood tree and Hornbeam are known for their tough, dense wood and the Hornbeam has yellow, orange and red fall colours. The Kentucky Coffee Tree has the largest doubly compound, deciduous leaf. A Hop tree of the Citrus family is the primary food for the Giant Swallowtail Butterfly larvae which would disappear without this food source. Sandy is planting others to produce the valuable flowers and fruit. Similarly, the Spice Bush provides food for the Spice Bush Swallowtail Butterfly. There are three varieties of the common Red Maple and the variations can be identified in the structure of the leaves. The Paw Paw tree from the Custard Apple family produces an edible, sweet fruit tasting like ripe bananas.

There are many other trees in this huge collection and some are the Fringe Tree, Mountain Silverbell, Bottlebrush, Buckeye, Yellowwood, Black Gum or Sour Gum. The Tamarack, which is a deciduous evergreen, is not an evergreen at the same time. Others are the Basswood, Dogwood, Bladernut, whose dry seedpod, much in appearance like that of the Japanese Lantern, will rattle, and the Carolinian Alsipice with attractive dark maroon flowers that have a fruity smell.

A walk through this collection of Carolinian and Native Trees is truly a worthwhile experience.



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